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The Honorable Douglas Wilkins  
Lawrence Superior Court  
43 Appeton Way  
Lawrence, Ma 01840

Dear Judge Wilkins,

I am writing to you on behalf of my longtime friend from childhood Lenny Degnan. I would like you to know the type of person Lenny has been his whole life. He truly is a person all of his family and friends could count on to be there for them in any time of need. He was there for my family when both my father passed away and more recently my brother only four years ago. Lenny was the first person to our house to help us through a very sorrow time. Even this week while on trial he managed to go to my mother's house on the week of my brother's anniversary of his passing. He has always put others before himself.

Lenny is a great family man. He works side by side with his wife Carla every day. They together have brought up three fantastic children, Gina, Miranda and Lenny his son who has aspergers. We all call him little Lenny but he is much bigger than us now. But Lenny my friend has made all the difference in the world for Lenny his son. Lenny (son) played football this year for North Andover High School for his first time playing football. Lenny (father) would call and tell me how he was lifting weights with his son and could bench press 130 pounds when the season started and now this past week, Lenny told me in the Lawrence Superior court hall his son was now bench pressing 190 pounds.

Even during this most terrible time of his life he would tell his friends about his son and his life. He takes his son to most of the Red Sox home games as well as the Patriots home games. They count on each other so much.

There are so many stories I would love to share about Lenny, like when he got a new plow truck and he would plow out his neighbors, volunteering to coach baseball and football in the North Andover Booster Club, our annual father-son camping trip (17 years and counting) or if you could have seen during the breaks of the trial how he could talk to people in your courtroom and I saw how he touched them with his kindness and respect. I am sure some court employees might have said what a legitimately nice person he is. That is how we all know Lenny to be, a hard working, honest, giving and loving person. When he said in his grand jury testimony he worked for the city because he loves Lawrence, he truly meant it.